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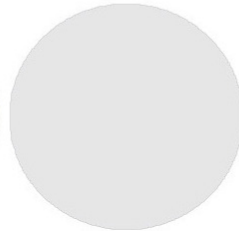
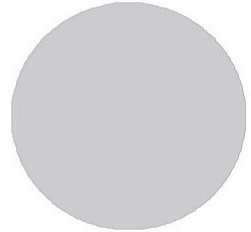
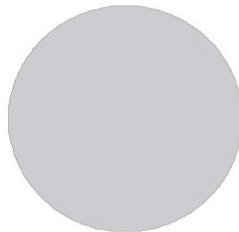
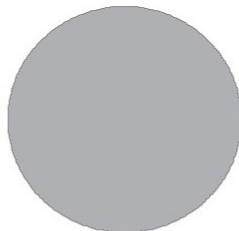
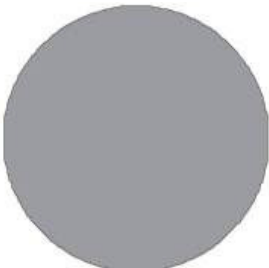


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News and Events from Around the World



Brussels: The Persecution of Falun Gong Discussed in Seminar on Freedom of Religion Held in the European Parliament

On November 28, 2006, the *Epoch Times* newspaper and Human Rights Without Borders held a forum in the European Parliament in Brussels on the issue of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) suppression of religions. A representative of the Falun Dafa Association of Europe was invited to give a speech to expose the CCP's brutal persecution of Falun Gong in China since 1999, and request the European Union condemn the CCP's human rights abuse openly.



The forum about the CCP's suppressing of religions was held in the European Parliament in Brussels

The forum was hosted by Mr. Edward McMillan-Scott, Vice President of the European Parliament and Mr. Simon Coveney, European Parliament member and spokesman of the EPP, the largest party in the European Parliament. An expert on Chinese issues, Dr. Thomas Weyrauch from Germany, Mr. Erping Zhang, a scholar from Stockholm University Asia Research Center, and Mr. David Kilgour, former Canadian Asia-Pacific Secretary of State were invited to attend this seminar. In addition, different religions and belief groups were invited to join.

To start off, Mr. Coveney discussed the incident of the Tibetan nuns who were shot at China's border, as well as the investigation report made by David Kilgour and David Matas concerning the organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners, which has aroused strong attention from the European Parliament and many other countries' governments.

As a European Parliament human rights spokesman, Mr. Coveney clearly pointed out that his duty is to safeguard human rights. It is appropriate to have such a forum in this time of economic cooperation and trade between the European Union and China, in order for the European Union to bring up major issues with the CCP and conduct an open and sincere discussion.

When European Parliament Vice President McMillan-Scott presided over the forum, he talked about his 1992 proposal concerning European Union democracy and human

rights, to transform the former Soviet Union Communist Party camp. Currently, the CCP is a very brutal and repressive regime. He met with Falun Gong practitioner Cao Dong in Beijing in May of this year, after which Mr. Cao was arrested and imprisoned. In his meeting with Mr. McMillan-Scott, Cao Dong discussed how he had seen dead bodies of Falun Gong practitioners after their organs were harvested. Mr. McMillan-Scott stated that the genocide of harvesting organs from Falun Gong practitioners for profit must be stopped immediately. He does not believe that under such circumstances should the 2008 Olympic Games be held in China.

Dr. Thomas Weyrauch, a Chinese issues expert from Germany, published a monograph called "*The Huge Suffering Dragon*" in September last year, which introduced China's human rights status in the last stage of CCP control of China. It was awarded a human rights news special award by the German "International Human Rights Association." In his speech, Dr. Weyrauch pointed out that China's constitution and the international human rights covenant are to ensure citizens' rights of freedom of belief, but up to now, religious activities are still persecuted in China. In order to have "freedom of belief," believers must register in religious groups, which are controlled by an atheist government. It is so strange and even self-contradictory that in China, religious activities are set by an atheist government under the control of the CCP. This party defines "legal religions," and labels all other religious and belief groups as cults in order to suppress them. The persecution of religions and different belief groups by the CCP generally entails sexual abuse of women, including Christians, Falun Gong practitioners and Tibetan nuns. The practice of Falun Gong was hailed and promoted by the government in the beginning, but later was suppressed. Doctor Weyrauch discussed the "610 Office", an agency which specifically persecutes peaceful Falun Gong practitioners and receives orders directly from the CCP. He said that currently, in China there is no freedom of belief at all.

Mr. Erping Zhang, a scholar at Stockholm University Asia Research Center, Asia Research Association director, gave an in-depth analysis of China's different religions and beliefs, especially Confucianism, Buddhism, Daoism and Falun Gong cultivation. They all originate from traditional Chinese culture, and have a fundamental difference from the doctrines of the CCP's Marxism. Mr. Zhang discussed the persecution of different religious and belief groups in China, especially the Falun Gong cultivation group.

Former Canadian Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific), Mr. David Kilgour came especially for this forum. He pointed out that the CCP only found two errors in his report -- the spelling of certain place names, which verified the authenticity of the report. This report has been translated into sixteen languages. Mr. Kilgour also talked about his journey in August this year, when he and Mr. McMillan-Scott visited Australia and New Zealand and promoted investigation of the CCP's organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners. Not long ago, he was told that a group of Australians was planning to go

to China for organ transplants but changed their plans as a result of their efforts in Australia.

A representative of the European Falun Gong Association, Ms. Waltraud Ng spoke about the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China since July 1999, especially the atrocity of organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners exposed this year. Ms. Ng also talked about the situation of human rights lawyer Gao Zhisheng who sent three open letters to the CCP leadership, speaking up for Falun Gong. Attorney Gao is now being persecuted in China. She called on the CCP to stop the persecution of Falun Gong and release all Falun Gong practitioners in detention. She also called for bringing the criminals of this persecution to justice. Ms. Ng requested the European Union to condemn the CCP's human rights abuses openly.

Other European Parliament members and their assistants, representatives of non-governmental organizations, experts and media reporters and others also joined the forum. The two CCP officials in the European Union, as well as reporters from the CCP Xinhua News Agency and the *Economy Daily* also came to listen.

Singapore: Falun Gong Practitioners Continue Clarifying the Truth Downtown

On Christmas Eve, Falun Gong practitioners in Singapore went to Orchard Road as they have done in previous years to clarify the truth to people. They told the public about the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) inhuman persecution of Falun Gong, the CCP harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners for sale, and the murdered bodies of practitioners being cremated to destroy the evidence. At the same time, they told the public about the fact that with constant exposure of the CCP's atrocities, plus the wide spread of the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*, the Chinese people are being awakened, and many Chinese people have quit the CCP and its affiliated organizations. People in many countries around the world have held a variety of activities to support this trend. The number of people who have withdrawn from the CCP and its affiliated organizations has exceeded 16 million, and the number is increasing each day.



People learn about the truth at Guanyin Temple on Waterloo Street

At the same time, Falun Gong practitioners conveyed another message to the public: the Singapore authorities are assisting the CCP in the persecution of Falun Gong. Practitioners called on the Singapore government to withdraw all false charges against Falun Gong practitioners, treat Falun Gong practitioners kindly and bring Singaporeans a beautiful future.

Prior to this activity, practitioners in Singapore conveyed the above-mentioned messages to people in other areas, as well. Police in some places directly removed practitioners' display boards. Some police officers said that we were breaking the law with too many display boards. On the pretext of conducting an investigation, the police took away the practitioners' display boards. Singapore Falun Gong practitioners said that they have not contravened the public entertainment law limiting the number of display boards, because the display boards are not meant for entertaining anybody. The police brought false charges against Falun Gong practitioners and deprived citizens of their constitutional, basic human right of freedom of speech.

Singapore Falun Gong practitioners will continue clarifying the truth to the public until the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong ends and the Singapore authorities stop acting as an accomplice to it.

Czech Republic: Independent Canadian Investigator Reports to Parliament About Organ Harvesting

"They take both of your kidneys, heart and skin, corneas and liver and then they throw your body in the incinerator."



Jacques & Kilgour in the Czech Parliament

Those are the words of David Kilgour, the independent investigator and former member of the Canadian government, who with his colleague David Matas compiled a report on illegal organ seizures from prisoners of conscience in China, namely from the practitioners of Falun Gong.

On Thursday, November 16th, David Kilgour reported his findings in the Czech Parliament, where a seminar about large-scale forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience in China was held under the auspices of MP Mrs. Catherine Jacques. Mr. Jan Ruml, the formal Vice-chair of the Czech Senate, also spoke at the seminar on behalf of a Czech NGO, The Olympic Watch, and strongly condemned organ harvesting.

"It is a new and so far unseen form of evil," said Mr. Kilgour about the appalling practice of organ harvesting from living people which is taking place in detention centers, labor camps and even hospitals across China with the tacit consent of the state administration.

"We probed in 18 different items of evidence," said Mr. Kilgour at the seminar. Since June he and Mr. Matas have collected 10 more items of evidence and are working to release an additional report by the end of year.

Part of the new evidence is testimony of a Falun Gong female adherent who was forced in a labor camp to undergo repeated large-scale medical tests, but finally her card was marked as "unsuitable" by the doctors because of her poor health from prolonged physical torture.

"These medical tests were applied only to Falun Gong prisoners every three months and are extremely suspicious," said Kilgour. "There is no reason for these tests, and it is unthinkable that the Chinese regime would care for these prisoners who are daily brutally tortured in the camps where no one cares whether they live or die."

The Kilgour & Matas report cites telephone conversations with Chinese doctors who readily admitted having a large source of "living organs" from those who practice Falun Gong.

Among the attendees were also Mrs. Veronika Stromsikova the Director of the Human Rights Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and her colleague. Her department has been particularly active in lobbying the European Parliament and calling for investigations into the human rights abuses by the Chinese communist government. The leader of the Green Party, Mr. Martin Bursik, engaged the speakers in discussion and together with leading Czech Sinologist, Dr Vera Lamackova, talked about points of concern. Several NGOs and human rights speakers also attended. Czech TV filmed the seminar and a journalist from the Internet daily made a recording for the web podcast.

One of points made was that Falun Gong was at first lauded by the communist regime in 1992 for its health benefits. But since 1999, when government statistics showed it had several million more adherents than the Communist Party, its adherents have, according to the resolution of the European Parliament, been brutally persecuted.

A Press Conference at the Czech Parliament followed, and Mr. David Kilgour was joined by the spokeswoman of Amnesty International in the Czech Republic, Miss Eva Dobrovolna, who called for further investigations into organ harvesting in China.

The Czech media attended with Czech TV filming the Press Conference and three Czech radio journalists recording and asking questions. International media NTDTV and The Epoch Times newspaper also came.

That evening Mr. Kilgour was invited by Czech TV to speak about his report on the main news analysis program Czech24. Mr. Kilgour said that under such conditions of severe human rights abuses amounting to genocide against Falun Gong practitioners in China, holding the next Olympic Games in Beijing would be unthinkable. He appealed to all Czech people to ask their Government to help stop these atrocities as quickly as possible.

Australia: Legal Case against Foreign Minister Downer Closed with His Guarantee for No More Certificates, and Payment of Lawsuit Costs

On the morning of December 14, 2006, the one-and-a-half-year-long lawsuit against Foreign Minister Alexander Downer was closed with Mr. Downer's promise to not sign any more certificates restricting Falun Gong practitioners' use of banners in peaceful protests, and payment of \$20,000 in costs. The practitioners filed the lawsuit against Mr. Downer for his abuse of power in signing certificates to restrict practitioners' use of banners and music to protest in front of the Chinese Embassy in Canberra.



Ms. Kay Rubacek, Falun Gong spokesperson (left), plaintiff Dai Zhizhen (middle) and lawyer assistant Mr. Newton (right) step out of court



Interviewing Falun Gong practitioners involved with this case

Mr. Downer stops signing certificate and submits guarantee statement to court

Around 10:00 a.m. on December 14, Judge Ken Crispin of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Supreme Court issued a final verdict on the legal case against Foreign Minister Downer. The judge said that defendant Downer promised not to continue signing the certificates restricting the Falun Gong practitioners' peaceful protests in front of the Chinese Embassy. He has stopped signing the certificates since March of this year and submitted a guarantee statement to the court. The judge thought that the guarantee statement has a similar effect to the court order, and defendant Downer's promise is better than the court order to stop the signing of certificates to restrict

practitioners' peaceful protests. Falun Gong practitioners can now protest the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) violation of human rights freely without any restrictions. The judge ruled that defendant Downer pay the whole cost of \$20,000 and the case is closed.

Mr. Downer fails to provide evidence and proposes to settle outside of court

Ms. Kay Rubacek, Falun Gong spokesperson, said that people with a sense of justice need to expose the CCP's brutal persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China and should not yield to the CCP's pressure. The high court held many hearings and asked Mr. Downer to provide evidence for his exercising his power as foreign minister in issuing the certificates. The plaintiffs' lawyer Bernard Collaery said that Downer was unable to provide the evidence for his allegation. Furthermore, former Chinese diplomat Chen Yonglin revealed that some people in the Australian Foreign Ministry had an agreement under the table with the CCP. Mr. Downer realized that he would face suspicion from the public about his behind-the-scenes agreement. In March this year, he stopped signing the certificate and proposed to settle outside of court and pay all court costs in exchange for not appearing in court and having to reply to the court for evidence of his misuse of power. The Falun Gong practitioners' side did not agree to an out-of-court settlement, because they believed that Downer's motivation was to avoid the court's investigation and that he did not have any real intention to stop signing the certificate.

Court verdict: People in a democratic country like Australia have the right to protest human rights violations

In the court verdict, the judge confirmed that in a democratic country like Australia, people have the right to protest human rights violations. He mentioned in the verdict that first-hand information and various investigation reports demonstrate that Falun Gong practitioners are persecuted in China. The persecution is a concerning issue. He specially mentioned that he was moved by the death of the first plaintiff Dai Zhizhen's husband due to torture by the CCP regime.

Dai Zhizhen: Mr. Downer's mistake cannot be corrected by \$20,000

Ms. Dai said that though since March Mr. Downer promised not to sign similar certificates, Falun Gong practitioners hope to expose his wrongdoing through the court's ruling. Because of Downer's abuse of power to restrict practitioners' activity in front of the Chinese Embassy in Canberra, the 96 certificates he signed in four years misled the Australian media and public, harmed Falun Gong practitioners, supported and even contributed to the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong.

She said, "Because we think that it is not enough for Downer to stop signing the certificate, he needs to be responsible for his wrong decision over the last four years. The court should rule that all the certificates he signed are now void. Since each

certificate was valid for only 30 days, the judge thought that our request did not have much meaning. So the judge ruled that Downer would not sign the certificate but pay \$20,000 in costs. The ruling does not meet our request. Thus, to have Australia not incur a regrettable loss in the history of the 21st century, we will continue to seek legal assistance to make Australian society know that Downer's mistake cannot be corrected by a \$20,000 payment."

Ms. Rubacek said that the whole world has been shocked since the exposure of the CCP's crimes of organ removal from living Falun Gong practitioners, and the release of the independent investigation report by Canadian international human rights lawyer David Matas and David Kilgour, former Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) for Canada. Recently, members of Parliament from several parties joined the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (CIPFG) and wish to thoroughly investigate the CCP's crimes of organ removal from living practitioners. Facing their righteous actions, Mr. Downer should be clear that he stood on the side of the evil CCP. Freedom, democracy and human rights are universal values for western society. Commerce and trade cannot override human rights.

Background for practitioners' lawsuit against Foreign Minister Downer

Ms. Rubacek discussed the background for the practitioners' lawsuit. In order to safeguard basic human rights, Falun Gong practitioners in Australia gathered in front of the Chinese Embassy and held banners calling for an end to the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong in China. On March 16, 2002, one day before Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan visited Australia, under CCP pressure and using his power, Foreign Minister Downer signed the first certificate to restrict practitioners displaying banners in front of the Chinese Embassy. The stated reason was that the practitioners' banners and music violated the dignity of Chinese delegations and the Embassy. Since then, Downer signed the certificate each month.

For years the practitioners attempted to have dialog with Foreign Minister Downer in order to solve the issue, but did not get any response. The practitioners sought help from the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. President John von Doussa suggested that the practitioners seek legal means to stop Downer's signing the certificate. Thus, on June 8, 2005, practitioners Zhang Cuiying and Dai Zhizhen brought a lawsuit against Mr. Downer in the ACT Supreme Court and requested the court order Downer not to sign similar certificates.

Hong Kong: Global Service Center for Quitting CCP Condemns Attack by CCP Hooligan

On December 19, 2006, someone believed to be an agent of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) violently attacked a volunteer of the Global Service Center for Quitting the CCP (GSC) on a busy street. The woman volunteer was injured. The GSC promptly released a statement to condemn the hooligan conduct and call for the Hong Kong government to punish the attacker and investigate manipulation behind the scenes.



A volunteer is injured



The attacker is arrested by police on the spot

The statement from the GSC regarding the incident is as follows:

"On the evening of Dec. 19, a booth for the Global Service Center for Quitting the CCP located on a busy street was sabotaged by an attacker from Mainland China. A volunteer at the booth was injured. With assistance of passersby, the police caught and arrested the attacker. The volunteer, who was injured at a similar attack last month, firmly believes it was manipulated by agents of the evil Chinese Communist Party.

The people in mainland China continue to awaken. More than sixteen million courageous people have openly announced quitting from the evil CCP and related

organizations. The strong tide of quitting the CCP is quickly pushing the evil party to the critical point of collapse. There is a Chinese saying, "A dog will leap over a wall in desperation." The open attack at the GSC booth indicates that the CCP's extreme fear gives it no time to disguise or conceal its disgrace. The Global Service Center for Quitting the CCP strongly condemns the hooligan conduct of the CCP and hope the Hong Kong government will punish the attacker and his manipulator behind the scenes to safeguard social security. We sternly warn the manipulator: resorting to violence and hooliganism can only encourage determination and confidence of more people to completely abandon the CCP and escalate its collapse. The net of Heaven lets nothing through. Any thug who works himself to death for the CCP will be punished.

The Global Service Center for Quitting the CCP solemnly declares to the world: No matter what tricks the evil party resorts to, we will continue to follow the Heaven's and the people's will to spread the "*Nine Commentaries on Communist Party*" and promote withdrawal from the CCP, to help our fellow Chinese and to greet the day when the CCP collapses."

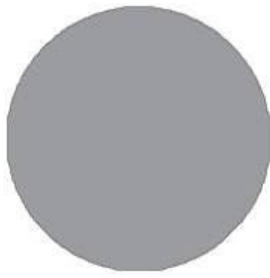
The incident happened on Sai Yeung Choi Street of Wang Cheong. A Chinese man about thirty suddenly appeared at the booth of the Global Service Center for Quitting the CCP. He kicked the brochures and DVDs to the ground. When Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Shi Shiming chased him, he hit and injured Ms. Shi.

Ms. Shi said, "A thug walked over, kicked our booth. All materials fell to the ground. He was about to leave right away. I stood up and told him not to leave. I followed him. He looked at me fiercely and hit me on the forehead. I fell. He started heading off."

Though injured, Ms. Shi struggled up to shout for help. A couple passing by helped to chase and catch him. The policemen took him to the police station for investigation. Ms. Shi's face was injured. Her nose bled. Other volunteers took her to the hospital for a check-up and then to the police station to make a statement for the case. The police planned to charge the attacker.

Ms. Shi was attacked by a Chinese man at the same location last month. She was slightly injured. The attacker escaped. She said the series of attacks must be manipulated by CCP agents.

Facts of the Persecution



The Persecution at the 2nd Forced Labor Camp, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

The authorities of the 2nd Forced Labor Camp, Shenzhen City established a "Falun Gong Special Administration Office" [abbreviated "Special Administration Office"] for the sole purpose of persecuting Falun Gong practitioners.

The officials do not go through legal procedures to sentence a practitioner to forced labor nor do they hold a trial. In addition, they forbid practitioners from appealing their sentences. The officials simply run through brief administrative procedures with the police. A police chief or even a local police officer can deprive a practitioner of his freedom by sending him to a forced labor camp based on a series of made-up charges.

Physical Torture

The environment in this camp is filled with great tension and hypocrisy. Several thousand people are held there. The camp is run semi-military style. Detainees usually go through several months of military training after their arrival and do military drills, regardless of the weather. The detainees also work long hours each day to make products for export, bringing the camp tremendous profit. The detainees' living space is crowded, and the food is terrible. Steadfast Falun Gong practitioners are placed with other detainees.

Li Hangzhou, Su Yijie, and other guards at the camp subjected practitioners to brutal persecution under orders from the [610 Office](#) and the head of the labor camp.

The guards order criminal inmates to monitor practitioners around the clock to make sure they cannot do the Falun Gong exercises. They also make the practitioners work long hours or watch Falun Gong-slandering videos. They have a secret torture chamber where the prisoners who are retired artillery soldiers and former special agents torture practitioners through sleep deprivation and long-term standing in an attempt to destroy their will.

Guard Li Hangzhou ordered inmates to push practitioners to the floor and tie their arms behind their backs. They held the practitioner down by putting their feet on his shoulders. Then they pulled his arms up from behind as high as they could go. They then wrapped rope tightly around his upper torso, arms and bound his hands together with rope, making it difficult for the practitioner to breathe. Following that, they made the practitioner sit in full lotus position and used rope to tie the practitioner's ankles and pull the feet towards the hips as much as possible. The practitioner was then tied firmly. They then pushed the practitioner's head down until it reached his knees and they connected his feet, legs and bowed neck with a rope and tightened it as tightly as possible. The practitioner's body formed a triangle-circle shape, an excruciatingly

painful position. Furthermore, the inmates and guards verbally insulted Falun Gong while pouring cold water on the practitioner's face and burning the soles of his feet with cigarettes. They yanked the practitioner's nose upward until blood gushed out and also pinched the male practitioners' foreskin.

Practitioner Mr. Xu Tianbao, whose former name was Xu Qitian, was [illegally arrested](#) in 2002. He was savagely tortured and sent to the camp where he is still being held. The guards handcuffed him to a long bench in a very painful position while blasting slander into his ears with two loudspeakers. His ears bled and later became infected. Ever since then, pus and other fluid often come out of his ears. Despite his insistent requests, the labor camp officials only gave him superficial anti-infection treatment. Xu Qitian completely lost hearing in his left ear. He now suffers from dizziness and headaches as aftereffects of the torture. The camp officials still deny him medical treatment.

Brainwashing

The "staff members" and "reformed" practitioners at the zone of the "Special Administration Office" can engage in various sports and entertainment activities; their mobility is unlimited. Doctors and camp officials treat them with extraordinary care when they experience any slight discomfort. Their family members, friends, and work supervisors can visit them. In the evening they can watch TV, sing songs and read books. They live in spacious upstairs rooms and are served good food. "Reformed" practitioners can meet and talk with each other. Former practitioners who completely cooperate with the labor camp officials are released within a short period of time and can return to work. The camp officials try to create dramatically different conditions for practitioners who are determined and for those who have "reformed," in an effort to destroy the will of the steadfast practitioners. In this environment people conduct themselves with false kindness and carry out "[reform](#)" work.

The camp officials met with little success when they tried to "reform" practitioners through violence. They racked their brains and resorted to the Communist Party's book of psychological war tactics accumulated over the past several decades. They studied the hobbies of Falun Gong practitioners and tried to make a "breakthrough" by targeting the practitioners' fundamental attachments. They even promised the practitioners that they would be able to "study the Fa" after they "reformed." Their tactics had some effect on practitioners with strong human attachments, as these practitioners think "reforming" is the right thing to do. Some practitioners even have the misconception that "reforming" is a necessary step on their cultivation path. The "Special Administration Office" would never create a true cultivation environment for Falun Gong practitioners. Their goal is to deceive the practitioners and to achieve a high "reform" rate.

The officials targeted some practitioners' pursuit of comfort and their admiration of veteran practitioners and practitioners with advanced academic degrees. They brought some [collaborators](#) who have PhD or Master's degrees and who were veteran practitioners or volunteer assistants at practice sites to reiterate how they had once been determined in Falun Gong practice, how they had appealed for Falun Gong, and how much tribulation they experienced yet they still could not free themselves. Their tribulations grew worse and they realized they had gone astray, so they decided to follow their "gut feelings" and switch to another cultivation method. After they had voluntarily "reformed," their troubles were reduced and the pressure was gone, the path of cultivation became more and more smooth, they feel better and better as they go along, and they now feel great about themselves. They lied, saying that one can transcend humanness and truly practice cultivation on a high level only through "reforming."

The officials also ordered a group of collaborators and guards with legal knowledge to argue with and verbally attack determined practitioners. They took passages from [Zhuan Falun](#) and twisted the meaning by interpreting out of context. They continuously asserted tremendous pressure on determined practitioners for a long time.

Several determined practitioners were sent to another labor camp to be physically tortured because they had resisted brainwashing. Su Yijie, head of the Special Administration Office, sarcastically said these practitioners were "drinking a forfeit for refusing a toast."

The camp officials also transferred determined practitioners to other labor camps because they are afraid of their crimes being exposed and the effect of steadfast practitioners on "reformed" practitioners.

The camp heads told the Special Administration Office guards that they could do anything to "reform" a practitioner. They also threatened the guards with loss of their jobs if they couldn't force the practitioners to renounce Falun Gong.

These camp officials also make "reformed" practitioners write essays to slander Falun Gong. Then they spread these lies to people who don't know anything about Falun Gong saying, "This-and-that practitioner has reformed," in order to incite hatred against Falun Gong.

Mr. Sun Changde from Changchun City Died as a Result of Persecution at Jilin Prison

Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Sun Changde, 43, from Changchun City, Jilin Province, was illegally sentenced to eight years in prison in 2002 and was held at the 2nd Prison in Jilin Province, also called Jilin Prison. He was savagely tortured and developed severe tuberculosis. The prison authorities refused to release him despite his condition, and his health continued to deteriorate. He was eventually released in June 2006, when both of his lungs had completely ulcerated and he was coughing up blood. He passed away on November 28, 2006.

Mr. Sun began practicing Falun Gong in March 1996. He followed Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance, according to Falun Gong's principles. Soon he quit drinking and smoking. He became healthier and his family was happy. Jiang Zemin's regime began slandering and persecuting Falun Gong on July 20, 1999. Mr. Sun went to Beijing to appeal for justice for Falun Gong, and was arrested and detained.

Mr. Sun Changde appealed in Beijing again in March 2000. The police violently punched and kicked him, and sent him to a custody center. After the illegally imposed term had expired, Zhang Shun, an officer from the Heshun Police Station in the Erdao District, took him to the police station, telling his family to wait outside the building. He called Mr. Sun upstairs, where a large man was also present. He asked Mr. Sun whether he would continue to practice Falun Gong or appeal, and Mr. Sun said "yes" to both. They beat him, resulting in several large bumps on his head. After the beating, the police ordered Mr. Sun to move to another precinct within one week so that his status as a Falun Gong practitioner would no longer impact the police in this area. Mr. Sun and his family had no choice but to move.

Mr. Sun Changde was arrested again on January 14, 2001 [Chinese lunar calendar]. During the time he was held at the detention center, the guards often tortured and interrogated him. One year later, Nanguan District Court officials in Changchun City sentenced him to ten years in prison at the Jilin Prison. He was barbarically tortured, and his weight dropped from 198 lbs. to 121 lbs. He could not take care of himself and suffered from severe anemia, blurry eyesight, an inability to walk, severe tuberculosis, protrusion of the lower spinal discs and arrhythmia.

Mr. Sun Changde once lost consciousness in the restroom. His family requested medical parole on his behalf numerous times but guard Zhang Yong said, "We can grant medical parole only on two conditions. First, if his family is rich, then we can release him, even if he is not sick. Secondly, if he would die several days after going home."

*For Meeting with VP of European Parliament, Mr. Cao Dong Stands
"Trial" in CCP's Court*

The Chinese Communist Party's Gansu Province Court is planning to put Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Cao Dong on trial. The first session is scheduled as follows:

Friday, December 22, 2006 at 9.a.m.

Location; Xifeng Criminal Court Room, Lanzhou City, Gansu Province
Chief Judge Zheng (first name unknown)

Defense lawyer Ma Guangjun

Mr. Cao Dong met with European Parliament Vice President Mr. Edward McMillan-Scott on May 21, 2006 and exposed the persecution of Falun Gong to him. For this, the CCP is arranging for him to be tried on the following trumped up charges:

1. Illegally connecting with an international "anti-China force";
2. Illegally agreeing to be interviewed;
3. Illegally posting news on the Minghui website;
4. Illegally hiding and possessing Falun Gong booklets and discs.

The so-called trial is really nothing more than a farce.

Ever since Mr. Cao Dong was arrested on the day of his meeting with the European Parliament Vice President Mr. Edward McMillan-Scott, his parents, parents-in-law, and his later-released (from Beijing Women's Labor Camp) wife have not been allowed to visit him. Mr. Cao Dong has been detained since May 21, first in Beijing and later in the Gansu Province State Safety Bureau Detention Center in Lanzhou City.

In this long half year, knowing the terrors faced by other Falun Gong practitioners in China's jails and labor camps, we care not to imagine how Mr. Cao Dong has been tortured. Judging from the conversations between government employees and Mr. Cao Dong's family, we can tell that the CCP is trying to use all of its might to force Mr. Cao Dong to give in. If Mr. Cao gives in, the CCP can deny its bloody crime of persecuting Falun Gong to the international community. The officials have told Mr. Cao Dong's family many times that if Cao Dong would write a "regret letter," it would be easy to deal with the international society. They have forced Mr. Cao Dong's parents and parents-in-law to accept their video tapes and help them pressure Cao Dong.

Mr. McMillan-Scott said to journalists, "The Chinese Ambassador told me that the reason Mr. Cao Dong was arrested was because he re-started Falun Gong activities. That is propaganda about Falun Gong, and it is very ridiculous, because Mr. Cao Dong

was arrested immediately after meeting with me- the European Parliament Vice President."

A Partial List of the Persecution in the 2nd Women's Branch of Masanjia Forced Labor Camp

The notorious Masanjia Forced Labor Camp advertises itself to the outside as "Liaoning Ideological Re-education School." In reality, it is a living hell. Falun Gong practitioners from around the province were [illegally arrested](#) and imprisoned there by the [610 Office](#). At its peak, up to 1,000 practitioners were detained there. At a minimum, there have been a few hundred people detained at one time.

In 2005, around 60 Falun Gong practitioners were rounded up. They were illegally arrested and strictly managed in six rooms of the 1st Group. They made them sit on small plastic stools all day long. All they were given to eat was some bread and some noodle broth. Each day they forced practitioners to watch and listen to videos, television programs and broadcasts that attacked Falun Gong and slandered Master Li. The practitioners launched a group hunger strike in protest. The persecutors then began to force-feed the practitioners. Two policemen held down Falun Gong practitioners' legs, and another two held down their hands. Then a doctor named Cao took a wooden stick 20 mm thick and inserted it down the practitioner's mouth, until it reached the bottom of the throat. After that, he poured noodle broth into the practitioner's mouth. It would spurt out back onto him, so he used a towel to seal the practitioners' mouth and nose. There was no room for air. It was extremely painful. Practitioners' lives were oftentimes in danger. If they refused to open their mouths, the persecutors would use tweezers to force open their teeth. Practitioners in the six rooms were all force fed.

They also forced practitioners to wear prison uniforms, do early morning physical exercises, labor, and recite the prison's 30 regulations. They searched practitioners' clothing, and if they did not cooperate, they beat and swore at them or confined them to a solitary compartment. A practitioner named Huang Sumei practiced the exercises and refused to wear a prison uniform, so a policeman named Dai Yuhong pulled her hair and pinched her arms. The police chief even poured cold water onto her legs and opened up the windows to freeze her. Since Huang Sumei refused to cooperate, she was forced to undergo solitary confinement 3 times, with her hands tied to a bench for 5 days straight. The longest time spent in the solitary compartment was 22 days. Eating, drinking and going to the bathroom all had to be done in that little solitary compartment. The conditions were awful. Policemen searched people's bodies as they pleased, especially on days they considered to be [sensitive dates](#). They made practitioners queue up and searched them at will, from the underwear to inside the shoes. After the search was over, the room looked as though it had been robbed by bandits.

On August 30 of 2006, a group of guards moved into the labor camp. They began using various torture methods on steadfast Falun Gong practitioners in order to try to turn them against Falun Gong. The most unbearable method is "the big hang-up", with one

hand cuffed to the upper rung of a bunk bed ladder, and the other hand cuffed to the lower end of the bed head. Both arms are stretched out, one high and one low. The person cannot stand up or sit. Both legs are bound. It is excruciating. During this time, one is forbidden to eat or go to the toilet. Some have no choice but to defecate in their pants. Practitioner Wang Guiping was hung like this for 30 hours. His wrists bled from being in that position for so long. He could not endure it and was forced to write the [three statements](#).

Another kind of torture involves force-feeding the victim with drugs on a "dead person's bed." Practitioner Shu Guirong and others were exposed to this. Policeman Ma Qishan and Doctor Cao first subjected them to the "big hang-up." Then, they tied them to the "dead person's bed" to undergo forced feeding. Because the practitioner refused to cooperate, they used a wooden strip to hold her mouth open, and they fed her 2 to 3 bottles of drugs. The practitioner's mouth was injured so badly that she could not eat. Other practitioners, including Liu Guiyuan and Xie Dewen, had their mouths injured in the same way. Practitioner Zhang Liyan did not cooperate and refused to sign her name. Policemen Liu Yong and Ma Qishan bound all four of her limbs to the bed for 5 to 6 hours.

Ten days before being released from the labor camp, practitioners were once again forced to write the three statements to renounce Falun Gong. Persecutors including Zhao Yonghua and Ruan Suzhen, who stayed in the camp to conduct brainwashing sessions for Falun Gong practitioners, tried to deceive them with twisted logic. The practitioners did not accept it and refused to write the reports. So the "teachers" reported them to policemen Liu Yong and Ma Qishan, and consequently this group of policemen began to brutally torture the practitioners using the big hang-up. The police wardens discussed amongst themselves the amount of wages and bonuses that would be granted if 10 practitioners were "[transformed](#)." Out of greed, these people stopped at nothing to commit dishonorable acts against Falun Gong practitioners. After they had supposedly "transformed" 61 Falun Gong practitioners, each night they ate, drank, and amused themselves until very late, taking pleasure in others' suffering.

At present, the persecution at the labor camp is still going on. The practitioners are forced to do early morning physical exercises, sing CCP songs, stand up to greet the guard leaders and recite "the 30 regulations." If some practitioners do not greet the party chief, police chief Zhang Lei forces them to greet the party chief 5 to 10 times. If they refuse to do this, they have to stand facing the wall. During meal times, practitioners are forced to sing CCP songs. Zhang Lei punished those who sang the songs in a small voice by making everyone stand and didn't let them eat until they sang the songs loudly. Falun Gong practitioner Lifeng was physically abused to the point where her arms were injured and she was unable to do physical exercises. Policeman Zhang Lei forced her to hold her arms up and face the wall. Policeman Liu Yong even slapped her in the mouth. Practitioner Liang Qizhen was physically abused until her

hips were in severe pain. Walking became difficult. Liu Yong forced her to participate in the military training run. She could not keep up and was forced into a room, where she was struck on the mouth about ten times.

They made practitioners put up cartoons and articles that slandered Falun Gong and Master Li all around the classroom. They also forced practitioners to watch videos attacking Falun Gong. Those who refused to watch it were punished. No one was allowed to rest their eyes. When the practitioners called out, "Falun Dafa is good," the police used steamed buns, socks, and whatever else they could find to gag practitioners. They extended the practitioners' terms and abused them both physically and mentally.

The Police in Shanghai Refuse to Allow Hong Kong Resident Ms. Zeng Aihua to Meet with Her Lawyer

Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Zeng Aihua is a permanent resident of Hong Kong. She has been detained in Pudong District Detention Center, Shanghai City for more than six months, charged with the "crime" of "spreading Falun Gong materials." Currently, the police from Pudong District are trying to stop the lawyer from meeting with Ms. Zeng.

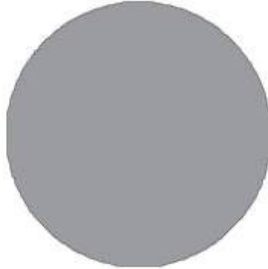
Ms. Zeng Aihua was arrested on May 22, 2006, by policeman Qiu Lin from the Puxing Street Station and National Security Agents from Pudong District Police Department. Officers in charge of her case never dared to reveal their names, work units, or phone numbers when contacting Ms. Zeng, her family, or her lawyer. They only said that they were from Pudong District or Shanghai City Police Departments and their last names (Tu and Zhang from Pudong District Police Department, and Wang from Shanghai City Police Department). They left their names blank on the arrest

Each time Ms. Zeng's lawyer or family needs to contact officers in charge of her case, Pudong District Police Department operators connect them to an unused phone extension. They looked for Officer Wang from the city police department and were told there is no such officer. If they asked Officer Qiu from the local station to look for officers in charge of her case, they would not get any results. Finally, they had to go to the National Security Group of Pudong District Police Department in person. Ever since her case was sent back from the district procuratorate to the police department, the situation has worsened.

In the middle of November 2006, Ms. Zeng's lawyer tried to visit officers Tu or Zhang in the National Security Group of Pudong District Police Department and got an answer from the security guards at the gate that they were not in or that there were no such officers! The lawyer cannot request bail for Ms. Zeng or visit her.

In the past six months of [illegal detention](#), Ms. Zeng's family has been deprived of the right to visit her or call her. None of the letters that her family has written to her have been replied to. Only the lawyer was allowed to meet her for 30 minutes in July under strict monitoring. There has been no information since then.

Voice of Justice



Vice President of the European Parliament Writes to Ambassador of China Regarding the Illegal Arrest of Falun Practitioner Cao Dong

Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Cao Dong from Beijing was arrested by State Security agents on May 21, 2006 immediately after meeting with Mr. Edward McMillan-Scott, Vice President of the European Parliament. Mr. McMillan-Scott had come to Beijing to investigate the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) persecution of Falun Gong. Mr. Cao Dong testified that Falun Dafa practitioners were being cruelly tortured. By the end of September 2006, CCP officials secretly took Mr. Cao Dong to Gansu Province and detained him in the Gansu Province State Security Division Detention Center located in Lanzhou City, Gansu Province.

Because the CCP intensified the mistreatment of Cao Dong, Mr. McMillan-Scott wrote to the Chinese EU Ambassador, Guan Chengyuan, and urged him to immediately release Falun Dafa practitioner Mr. Cao Dong as well as human rights lawyer Mr. Gao Zhisheng.

On December 18, 2006, Mr. Edward McMillan-Scott wrote a letter again to Guan Chengyuan regarding the illegal arrest of Falun practitioner Cao Dong. The letter was copied to the President of the European Commission and the President of the European Parliament. Mr. Edward McMillan-Scott said in the letter: "all those involved in the persecution of human rights defenders and other categories in China are now identified for future trials under the International Criminal Court." Below is the text of the letter.

European Parliament
Edward McMillan-Scott
Vice President

Mr. Guan Chengyuan
Ambassador of the People's Republic of China
Avenue de Tervuren 443-445
1150 Brussels
Belgium

Brussels, 18 December 2006
Hand-delivered to the Chinese Embassy, Brussels

Ambassador,

I have received your letter of 24 November 2006, which was occasioned by my appeal on behalf of two individuals, one of whom, a former prisoner, I met while in Beijing on 21 May 2006 - Cao Dong - and the other a distinguished human rights attorney - Gao Zhisheng - with whom I spoke at some length upon my return to Europe in June 2006.

Both of these men were subsequently arrested and Gao Zhisheng has recently been secretly tried and imprisoned.

I also received on 28 November 2006 a deputation of officials from your embassy led by Mr. Yu Xuzhong. The deputation confirmed that Mr. Cao Dong had been re-arrested for 'propagating Falun Gong' on 21 May immediately after meeting with me.

Consequently, his 'crime' was meeting the Vice-President of the European Parliament and that institution's rapporteur for democracy and human rights and not for any other crime, for which in any event he had served four years in one of your jails.

As to the other case referred to, namely that of Gao Zhisheng, please note my reference to this case in the European Parliament on December 14:

Edward McMillan-Scott (PPE-DE). - Mr. President, I received this information too late to add it to the resolution. Mr. Gao Zhisheng, a distinguished human rights attorney in Beijing who was arrested in August, has been tried secretly this week and imprisoned. I am sure the House would wish to express its regret that news, part of a continued crackdown on human rights activists in China.

Subsequently, a number of colleagues congratulated me on my intervention. My inference from the so-called secret trial is that the officials involved have taken note of my repeated wording that all those involved in the persecution of human rights defenders and other categories in China are now being identified for future trials under the International Criminal Court.

In light of the fact that these actions have been taken as a result of contacts with me, I am accordingly copying this letter to the President of the European Commission and to the President of the European Parliament.

Edward McMillan-Scott (signature)

U.S. Congressman Writes to Hu Jintao: The Illegal Arrest and Abuse of Falun Gong Practitioners Is Completely Unjustified and Will Not Go Unnoticed by the Global Community

On December 11, 2006, U.S. Congressman W. Todd Akin from Missouri wrote a letter to Chinese Communist Party Leader Hu Jintao, calling for an immediate release of Falun Gong practitioners from prison. Congressman Akin said in the letter, "The illegal arrest and abuse of these people is completely unjustified and will not go unnoticed by the global community. I am also concerned about claims that your government is involved in involuntary organ harvesting of prisoners including members of the Falun Gong." Below is the text of the letter.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

December 11, 2006

Dear President Hu,

Over the last few decades, your country has made huge strides toward becoming a full participant on the world stage in many respects--economic, political, militarily. However, the lack of respect for basic human rights continues to be the single largest roadblock between your nation and full participation in the international community. Respect for human life is something that I personally hold in the highest regard, as I believe all human beings are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. The wanton abuse of innocent individuals by your government or any other entity is unacceptable and I urge you to do all you can to halt these crimes against humanity.

As you know, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights both recognizes that all people have the right to life, liberty, and security of person, and also state that no one should be subjected to arbitrary arrest or detention, torture, or cruel and inhuman punishment. According to numerous reports, you are in clear violation of a number of provisions in both documents and in particular the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of which your nation is a signatory.

Of particular concern to me is the recent oppression and persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. This group of Chinese citizens is in no way violent or treasonous and does not possess a political agenda. They have the right to express themselves religiously and spiritually and to exercise their freedom of thought. The illegal arrest and abuse of these people is completely unjustified and will not go unnoticed by the global

community. I am also concerned about claims that your government is involved in involuntary organ harvesting of prisoners including members of the Falun Gong.

Let me remind you that one of the conditions of your nation hosting the 2008 Olympics was that your government would significantly improve human rights standards in China. With the intense international spotlight that accompanies hosting the Olympics, I advise you to act on this agreement and take positive steps toward respecting the rights of all your people. One such encouraging action would be to release practitioners of Falun Gong from prison and allow them true freedom of conscience. I ask you to do so immediately. The citizens of China are an amazing asset and I urge you and your government to give them the respect and freedom that they are due.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

W. Todd Akin

Member of Congress

Australia: Catholic Priest Writes to Prime Minister: "I Strongly Believe That Live Organ Harvesting Happening in China Must Be Stopped at Once"

On December 5, 2006, Father Peter Caruana, parish priest of the Catholic Church in Ingleburn, Australia, wrote a letter to Prime Minister John Howard, strongly calling on the immediate stop of CCP's organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners in China. This is the third time Father Caruana wrote to the Prime Minister. Below is the text of the letter.

5 December 2006

Prime Minister John Howard
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Fax: 6273 4100

Dear Prime Minister John Howard,

I am Father Peter Caruana parish priest of the Catholic Church in Ingleburn. This is the third time that I am writing to you about the critical issue of live organ harvesting that happens in China. When I heard about this "a new form of evil" in the world I strongly believe that this must be stopped at once.

I have joined in the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (CIPFG), which has been set up internationally in Australia, Asia, America and Europe, on the basis of the mounting facts of genocide against Falun Gong practitioners, who follow the principles of Truth-Compassion-Forbearance. With the persistent efforts of members of CIPFG, the whole world is now fully aware that behind the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) so called "best period of human rights" the most disgusting and evil crime is being committed in the protection of CCP.

After the publication of the independent report (1) on the Organ Harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners in China on July 6, 2006, David Kilgour and David Matas have traveled to more than 20 countries around the world to collect support from government officials and various organizations to stop the atrocities. The active response from parliaments, organizations and media around the world is very encouraging: agreements with political parties in some countries such as Korea, Belgium and Taiwan etc have suggested to use legislation to stop this evil crime; human rights organizations, organ transplantation organizations published the report on their

websites and strongly condemned this brutalization (2); Media around the world reported this issue with huge coverage.

There are lots of touching stories: Belgium MP Patrik Bankrunkelsven had pretended to be a patient that needed a new kidney when he rang two hospitals in Beijing. He heard "Come here before 18th of February. It is a good season and in the Chinese New Year we need to empty our jails." He was told that for 50,000 Euros he could get a kidney. Organs are all from 20 year old sentenced prisoners. Patrik said: "It is not difficult to get evidence. We need to have legislation to punish those against the law." (3) The draft legislation against people to get organ from China will be publicized a few weeks later. South Korean Chair of the Legal and Legislation Committee of Korean National Assembly MP An Xyong said that he would ask the Health and Welfare Ministry to investigate cases of people going to China for organ transplants. (4) Based on the results, he would ask the Legal Affairs Ministry to proceed with an official investigation. If there is sufficient evidence, he would promote the legislation on this issue. Member of the CIPFG, Vice president of European Council Edward McMillan said in a forum in America recently, the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights will fund the International Criminal Court and he had pointed out that: "Since 1940, history has showed us many times that we cannot have compliance with terrorism. The CCP is a terror political regime. I have put the names of members of the CCP regime guilty of genocide of Falun Gong practitioners in a warning memo. They should be prosecuted, and charged for their anti-humanity crime. Not far in the future, they will be judged by the International Criminal Court."(5)

During the visit to Australia in August of David Kilgour and Edward McMillan, political parties have requested the CCP allow the international community to conduct independent investigations; CIPFG Australia gained wider support from Australian people, doctors, solicitors and politicians. I am glad to see that Senator Andrew Barnett and MP Chris Bowen joined the CIPFG; the number of Australian people going to China for organ transplant has decreased. Now the NSW and VIC teams of the Australian Investigation Delegation to China have been formed and announced to go into China last month for an independent and unrestricted investigation. In the website of CIPFG <http://www.cipfg.org/en/>, there are over one thousand hospitals listed with suspicious organ transplant cases. Some of them have detail records about the doctors involved. With the aim to open up all detention facilities and save people, I am proud to become a tentative member of the NSW team.

In the first response to the allegation of live organ harvesting, CCP issued a new regulation to restrict organ theft and said that it would take effect on July 1 2006. Last week CCP had to admit a well-known fact that the CCP has always been using executed criminals' organs for transplantation. However, this is only a tactic that the CCP used to avoid the question of live organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners. Mr. Phil Glendenning, Director of the Edmund Rice Center said in a press announcement on 28th

November that: "The CCP had denied the allegations, but last week the CCP admitted that most organs for transplant in China are from executed prisoners. Obviously the CCP is being deceitful, and is trying to deny the organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners in a different way. The truth is that the number of organ transplants has been increasing along with the escalation of the persecution against Falun Gong. When we analyze all the evidence together, we must question the Chinese Government regarding this serious issue. Other governments around the world should also help to stop the CCP's crimes." No matter how much they deny, they cannot explain the reverse match of organ and patient in China. (6)

I hope that we all can learn a lesson from Henry Kissinger, secretary of US in 1973. A recent film funded by BBC 'The Trial of Henry Kissinger' warns the world that facing human suffering and misery with indifference is wrong. The film has sentenced Kissinger with a guilty verdict for his advice to USA in the policy of Cambodia, Chile and East Timor's tragic atrocities. (7) The fear of losing trade should not become an excuse to tolerate the evil crime that happens in China now. I urge you, our Prime Minister, to play an active role in this battle of good and evil. I want our federal government to say that we will not sell out human rights for trade, and openly condemn China's human rights violations as the Canadian government did. They do not believe that criticizing China's human right violations will affect their trade. David Kilgour gave an example when he visited Australia that Holland's trade with China did not suffer at all by standing strong for human rights in the past years.

I sincerely ask you to support whatever the government can do to help our CIPFG teams to enter China. Also, please consider the following recommendation and facilitate legislation to:

Bar entry to Australia to Chinese doctors who are known to be involved in trafficking of organs.

Require doctors to report organs obtained from an organ harvested person abroad or from persons kept in detention.

Discourage Australian professionals and institutions from participating in any Chinese Government sponsored organ transplant research or meetings.

Thank you very much for reading my letter. Please note that this is an issue that we should not neglect as human beings. I hope that I can receive your reply in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Father Peter Caruana

Human Rights Law Foundation Issues Statement Condemning Singapore's Unlawful Sentences

On November 30, 2006, Singapore authorities made an unreasonable verdict against two Falun Gong practitioners who peacefully protested in front of the Chinese Embassy in Singapore, and were then forced into prison. The Human Rights Law Foundation issued a statement condemning the abuse of human rights. The statement said: "We respectfully call upon all nations around the world to call upon the government of Singapore to drop all charges against the Singapore Nine, to overturn the sentence imposed unlawfully upon Ng Chye Huay and Erh Boon Tiong immediately, and to cease all actions that unlawfully and unjustly curtail the ability of citizens and residents of Singapore to freely exercise their rights to religious freedom, freedom of speech, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, forthwith." Below is the text of the statement.

Statement of Human Rights Law Foundation

In July of this year, the Singapore government arrested three Falun Gong practitioners outside Singapore's Chinese Embassy for their peaceful protest of the persecution of Falun Gong in China based solely on their religious and spiritual beliefs. Only a few days before the incident, the Singapore government had charged nine other Falun Gong practitioners for their peaceful distribution of flyers. The charging document was issued nine months after the challenged behavior and during the visit of the former Chinese Vice-Premier Li Lanqing to Singapore, leading most to speculate that the arrests were geared in part to prevent practitioners of Falun Gong from staging a peaceful protest during the visit of the Chinese official most responsible in China for the persecution of Falun Gong.

Today, a Singapore Court sentenced two of the Falun Gong practitioners to jail terms for exercising their democratic and constitutional rights to demonstrate near a foreign embassy to indicate their disapproval of the policies and practices of China's unlawful persecution of Falun Gong in that country. As the world knows well, this is a time honored practice that has been followed innumerable times in various countries in the disputes over apartheid in South Africa, protests against Soviet practices during the Cold War, demonstrations against ethnic cleansing in Bosnia and former Yugoslavia, and currently with the problems of genocide in Sudan. Indeed it is one of the mechanisms used by the good people of the world to help stop the wave of genocide and ethnic cleansing initiated during the holocaust of the Second World War.

The sentence issued today by the Singapore Court is one more in a series of court decisions that make clear that the Singapore legal system is at best a sham and at worst a tool used by the authorities against those whose behavior is perceived as beyond the parameters of the policies and opinions of the government. Thus, the Singapore

Institute of International Affairs observed in its "Freedom of Speech Report" for 2006, "Singapore Courts have also upheld that the ruling party (People's Action Party, hereinafter the 'PAP') as well as individual public officials may use court proceedings and defamation laws against those who report or express views from those of the government." Id. More recently, the United States underscored this point in its official United States Department of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, 2003, where it notes that several defamation suits have been consistently decided in favor of government plaintiffs indicating to many that the PAP and its leadership use the judicial system for political purposes. Id. Similarly, Asian Human Rights Watch notes in their 2005 report, titled, *The Absence of the Rule of Law and the Actualization of Human Rights: a Contradiction that Must be Resolved, in Singapore*, that "The ruling party [the Political Action Party] is also virtually the state....The capacity to assert one's rights do not exist in this environment at all. The absolute denial of rights makes it impossible for the realization of any ... rights." Id.

The litany of illegal arrests, arbitrary detentions and torture of Singapore's most esteemed politicians, lawyers (including even its Solicitor General, Francis Seow) are well known to those familiar with Singapore's use of the law to suppress and restrain anyone who does not tow the PAP party line. But why do those targeted now include Singapore citizens who practice the religion of Falun Gong, a peaceful meditative practice which encourages people to be kind, compassionate and truthful? According to William Safire, in "Waiting for Righty," *The New York Times*, January 29, 2001, at p. 23, the recent crackdown on Falun Gong adherents who were stretching and breathing deeply in a public park without a permit" by Singapore authorities was intended to "Show the believers who was boss in the shopping-mall nation." Thus in a May 18, 2001 interview with Arnaud de Borchgrave of UPI, Lee Yuan Kew said that he (aka "we") "had them arrested, [because in his view], Falun Gong and other religious [groups] pose a political threat to his regime.

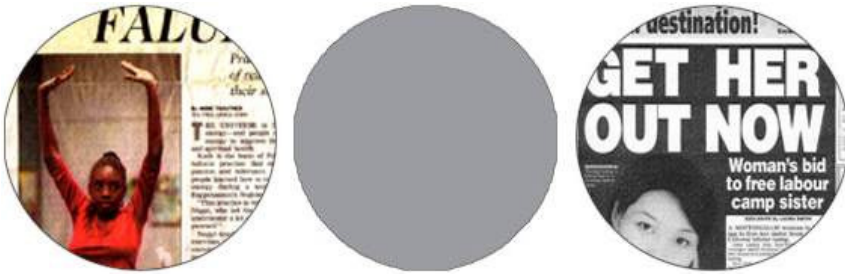
The Court's sentence today reinforces these remarks, indicating once again that those who express views that run counter to the views of the Singapore authorities will be subjected to illegal criminal sanctions by a court that carries out the will of those above. Rather than find the practitioners innocent of the purported crime of "speaking out against the abhorrent practices of China against Falun Gong," rather than operate as an independent court of law that bases its rulings on rules of evidence and factual predicates, the Singapore court has elected instead to tow the PAP party line, and to support the Singapore authorities, thereby lending support and encouragement to the campaigns of torture, genocide and ethnic or religious cleansing that are ongoing in China, the Sudan and elsewhere around the world.

For this reason we respectfully call upon all nations around the world to call upon the government of Singapore to drop all charges against the Singapore Nine, to overturn the sentence imposed unlawfully upon Ng Chye Huay and Erh Boon Tiong

immediately, and to cease all actions that unlawfully and unjustly curtail the ability of citizens and residents of Singapore to freely exercise their rights to religious freedom, freedom of speech, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, forthwith.

Posting date: 12/14/2006

Media Reports and Opinions



Bremer Tageszeitung (Germany): Highlighting the Brutal Organ Harvesting and Protesting Against the Horror of the Chinese Camps

VegeSack: A German-Chinese human rights group attracted much attention last Saturday in the local outdoor shopping district. Activists were protesting against the forced removal of organs from political prisoners in China.

The group had erected a cage surrounding Rosa Jansohn of Ritterhude in the vicinity of the former Kramer's department store. They explained that similar cages are used in Chinese labor camps, where enclosed inmates are partially immersed in water for hours on end. If the prisoners get too sleepy, they are likely to drown.

However, the human rights group was not only interested in highlighting the brutality of the camp guards, they were also interested in demonstrating another shocking aspect of the Chinese regime to the passing shoppers. Apparently, bodily organs are being removed from political prisoners in China, either before or after they are executed, and sold for profit. The victims belong primarily to the Buddha School spiritual movement, Falun Gong, which has been persecuted by the Communist Party in China since the late nineties.

Many of the passing citizens interrupted their shopping to chat with the group surrounding Rosa Jansohn, and appeared to be shocked about these crimes occurring in Chinese camps that are hardly ever publicized in the West. Susanne Bongartz of Aumund said, "I already knew that China has no regards for human rights, although I had never heard about this business. I really think it is obscene to do business with such a country."

The foreign office in Berlin has confirmed that the allegations made by human rights activists are not simply unsubstantiated claims made by followers of the Falun Gong movement. In response to this newspaper's inquiries, a spokeswoman for the ministry confirmed that organ removals from prisoners are indeed happening. "The Chinese authorities claim that they have approval from the next-of-kin." The spokeswoman further said that the topic had repeatedly been broached as part of a human rights dialog between governments. In addition, an independent report compiled by a Canadian member of parliament and a Canadian attorney supports the existence of an organ reservoir in Chinese labor camps.

France : Radio Station "French Info" Reports on the Human Organ Trade in China

On November 28th, 2006, at a routine public hearing held at the French Premier's office building, the French National Human Rights Advisory Committee (the Commission Nationale Consultative des Droits de l'Homme) invited the two Canadian independent investigators, Mr. David Kilgour and Mr. David Matas, to testify about the crimes of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners. After the hearing, the two Canadian investigators held a press conference at the law office of lawyer Mr. Orlandi to inform the media about their investigations as well as the proceedings of the public hearing at the French National Human Rights Advisory Committee. A reporter from the renowned radio station "French Info," a division of Radio France, conducted an on-site news report. The next day they aired the interviews at intervals throughout the day:



A reporter from radio station "French Info" interviews David Matas

The two outstanding Canadian lawyers who authored the report, David Matas and David Kilgour, said their investigations came to a shocking conclusion. They believe there is an enormous trade of organs taken both from executed prisoners in China, and from Falun Gong practitioners. This kind of trade brings huge illicit profits for both the Chinese government and the doctors and hospitals involved. Yesterday, while they were in France, they presented their statement to the French National Human Rights Advisory Committee (the Commission Nationale Consultative des Droits de l'Homme).

Radio presenter: On the pretext of being potential organ transplant clients, two Canadian lawyers collected many testimonies. They revealed how many Falun Gong practitioners' organs have been harvested, as well as some executed prisoners, and the illicit organs are replanted in some rich Chinese or Western patients. One kidney costs sixty thousands dollars; a liver costs one hundred thousands dollars. One of the authors, Mr. David Matas, said, "Every year, there are about ten or eleven thousand organ transplant operations. A proportion of two thirds or more clients among them are westerners who go to China to buy the organs."

Some people use websites to organize "medical treatment tours." These websites advertise kidney, cornea, liver and heart transplants. The chairwoman of Action for Human Rights Association (ADH), Ms. Marie-Francois Lamperti said, "The information is spread over the Internet, especially during the Chinese New Year period, which has the highest number of executed people." Some people will tell you, "Do not wait too long," "Come to us first," "We can transplant the organs for you at a certain price," and so on.

The Chinese often promise organs within one week. According to the report authors, such a short time means - as people can imagine - that those prisoners with a death penalty and Falun Gong practitioners who are detained in the labor camps, are murdered "to order." One of the authors, Mr. David Kilgour, said, "I felt that it was very strange, if for the purpose of matching the required kidney, they would kill one person every three or four days. It then means thousands of people have died, which is a crime against humanity. A government kills its own citizens and then sells their organs - it is absolutely appalling."

The Chinese authorities deny this news. At the same time they were rushing to reform its relevant law before the publication of this investigation report. But for these two investigators, it proves the existence of genocide. Under these circumstances, the death penalty is not a punishment anymore. He analyzed, it has become an income resource for the Chinese government. Because they have this kind of organ trading, the more people they kill, the more money they can earn.

Radio Free Asia: Husband Calls on German Society to Help Rescue his Detained Wife in Masanjia Labor Camp

Zhang Zhentong is an international student in Germany, whose wife Ms. Wang Xiaoyan is being detained in the notorious Masanjia Labor Camp where she has been subject to brutal persecution. Zhang recently obtained evidence that his wife is being persecuted and thus called upon German society and government for help in rescuing her.

On December 22, Radio Free Asia reported that international student Zhang Zhentong recently obtained evidence of the brutal persecution that his wife Wang Xiaoyan has been subject to. Ms. Wang is a Falun Gong practitioner and is being detained in Masanjia Labor Camp in Shenyang for her belief. As Europe was getting ready to celebrate Christmas, Zhang called upon the German society and government to rescue his wife. Below is the transcript of an RFA interview with Mr. Zhang.

Regarding Wang's latest situation, Zhang said, "She is now being detained in the Masanjia Labor Camp in Shenyang City. We learned that she has been brutally persecuted. When she was first transferred to the camp, she was beaten for not denouncing Falun Gong. At one point, her hands were handcuffed and locked to a bunk bed unit. One hand was locked to the upper bed and the other was locked to the lower bed, forming a cross shape. In such a position, she could neither stand nor sit. In addition, she was not allowed to sleep or use the toilet."

However, the persecution is not limited to this.

Zhang said, "Because she still refused to give up her belief, to force her to write a letter denouncing Falun Gong, several male guards tied her to a [death bed](#). The authorities then had a doctor force feed her with unknown drugs, which damage the neurological system. Each time, they inserted a metal implement to pry open her mouth. It was extremely painful. This however, is just the tip of the iceberg and she has been brutally persecuted from day one to today."

Zhang continued, "The guard who has tortured her most brutally is called Ma Jishan and is notorious for persecuting Falun Gong practitioners. He has persecuted many practitioners. The camp is notorious for brutally persecuting practitioners."

Regarding the response from German society, Zhang said, "Voice of Germany TV has interviewed me and posted it on its website. On December 11, in a twenty-five minute program on politics, the last eleven minutes was about the interview. We have also contacted other media about this and I will submit this evidence to the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Australia: The Sydney Morning Herald: Hospitals Ban Training of Chinese Surgeons

Queensland's two major organ transplant hospitals have banned training Chinese surgeons because of concerns that China takes organs from executed prisoners.

Health Minister Stephen Robertson revealed the move in a letter tabled in parliament this week in response to a petition supporting the Falun Gong spiritual movement.

Falun Gong, which has about 100 million members worldwide, has accused the Chinese government of harvesting organs from thousands of members executed over the past seven years.

There also have been claims of live organ removal from people in detention centers and hospitals.

Mr. Robertson said his department had been aware of the allegations relating to Chinese prisoners generally for a number of years and sought written assurances from the Chinese government that the practices did not go on.

When the assurances were not received, the Prince Charles Hospital and the Princess Alexandra Hospital put in place a policy of not training any Chinese surgeons in transplant surgical techniques.

It is not known if they are the only hospitals in Australia to do so.

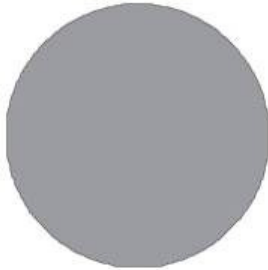
They also banned joint research programs into organ transplantation with China.

But Mr. Robertson said the hospitals would undertake training of Chinese doctors in other areas of medicine.

The petition called on the government to support moves by the recently formed Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (CIPFG). The coalition was set up to investigate the forced organ harvesting allegations and the illegal detention of Falun Gong practitioners. It has sought to prevent Australian citizens from traveling to China for organ transplants and to ban companies, institutions and individuals from providing goods and services to China's organ transplant programs.

International reports have suggested that of the 60,000 organ transplants the China Medical Organ Transplant Association recorded between 2000 and 2005, only 18,500 came from identifiable sources.

Falun Gong Practitioners' Personal Experiences



Practicing Falun Gong Easily Eliminates a Stubborn Addiction to Smoking

Recently, Mr. Song Xin easily eliminated his stubborn addiction to smoking after he began Falun Gong practice. Clearwisdom reporter Ye Linghui interviewed him on December 29, 2006.

Song Xin had come from Mainland China to Canada to study, and initially had lived with a cousin in Toronto. He was addicted to smoking and alcohol. Toronto winters are cold; homes are well insulated, and the stale, annoying cigarette odor lingers very long.

"I had tried twice to give up smoking," Mr. Song Xin said, "but after several days I couldn't resist my urges and began smoking again."

"My aunt is a Falun Gong practitioner and had introduced me to the practice of Falun Gong." He continued, "I didn't start to practice straight away. Then, the year before last, I read the book *Zhuan Falun* and I was very interested; then I followed my aunt to practice Falun Gong."

After having practiced for a while, the young student suddenly felt ugly when he smoked. "Since then I gave up smoking." Song Xin said, "My aunt said practitioners should not drink alcohol, so I also gave up drinking, too."

This young immigrant is now studying economics at a Toronto university and works during school holidays to earn money. He practices the Falun Gong exercises daily and studies the Falun Gong books as well. He also got rid of his habit of sleeping late in the morning.

"I am now much more energetic, and my memory has also improved," he said. "I have benefited much from practicing Falun Gong and will continue to practice it."

Falun Gong Saved Me

By a practitioner in Zhaoyuan, Shandong Province

I am 62 years old, and live in Zhaoyuan City, Shandong Province. Several years ago I suffered from many kinds of illnesses, including cancer. On the verge of death, I learned Falun Gong. Falun Gong brought me back from death and saved my life.

I learned Falun Gong in 1997. I had severe heart problems at the time. I had no strength in my body and even had a hard time walking. I frequently fainted due to low blood pressure. I took medicine year 'round, and was diagnosed and treated in many hospitals. Hospitalization had little effect on me. Later I could not eat or drink, my muscles withered, and I felt hot all over and suffered from stomachaches. I went to a hospital and was diagnosed with late-stage liver cancer. The doctor said there was little hope. My relatives were all anxious and sad, and they recommended major hospitals in Beijing. I thought to myself, "I now suffer from cancer and there is no cure. I would not like to have my daughters and sons fall into debt because of my incurable illness."

But my desire for life made me not want to die like this. I then heard about Falun Gong and its miraculous health effects. I wanted to try Falun Gong, because I had nothing to lose after all.

Back from the hospital, I told my relatives that I would like to learn Falun Gong. They borrowed the book [Zhuang Falun](#) for me that very afternoon. I no longer thought about my illness, and I held the book in my hands and read carefully. The next morning my relatives drove me on a tractor to a practice site about 2.5 kilometers away. I studied the Falun Gong books and did the exercises with other practitioners.

A few days later, my body began to change. I could eat and felt strong. I no longer needed my relatives to drive me to the practice site. In the morning, I walked to the practice site, and in the evening, I walked back home. My legs were comfortable, and I could walk fine.

By practicing Falun Gong, I not only regained a healthy body, but also elevated my character. I strived to be a good man and did good things. Without spending a cent, or taking a single pill, I got rid of all my illnesses and regained confidence for life.

Falun Gong not only saved me, but also made me a healthy person, spiritually and physically. After seeing my drastic improvement, all friends and relatives agree that Falun Gong is miraculous. Even the doctor who diagnosed me with cancer said, "This is a true miracle -- so supernatural."

Falun Gong is supernatural and righteous. All practitioners have deep understandings about it. I hope people can see through the lies about Falun Gong perpetrated by the Chinese Communist Party. For your future and benefit, please learn the truth of Falun Gong.

Glossary

Falun Gong (also called **Falun Dafa**) is an ancient form of *qigong*; the practice of refining the body and mind through special exercises and meditation. Like *tai chi*, *qigong* is a vital part of many people's lives in Asia; almost every Chinese park is brimming by the break of dawn with people practicing these arts.

Only a few years after its public introduction in 1992, Falun Dafa quickly grew to become the most popular form of *qigong* ever in Chinese history. The major reason for this is that Falun Dafa distinguishes itself from other *qigong* practices by emphasizing not only physical cultivation, but also cultivation of one's moral character in daily life according to higher principles taught by Mr. Li Hongzhi, Falun Dafa's founder. The practice involves slow, gentle movements and meditation. It is easy to learn, enjoyable to practice, and free of charge. Its principles are based on Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance. Falun Gong is practiced by over 100 million people in 60 countries. The main works of Falun Gong are available in over 30 languages.

Zhuan Falun: This book comprises the principal teachings of Falun Dafa.

"April 25": This refers to the "sensitive" anniversary of April 25, 1999, on which date ten thousand Falun Gong practitioners peacefully gathered outside the Zhongnanhai compound (China's central government building) and successfully appealed for the release of forty-five practitioners who had been illegally arrested in Tianjin City.

Clarifying the Truth: Because of the persecution in China and the unrelenting hate campaign carried out by China's state-controlled media, Falun Gong practitioners have been actively "clarifying the truth" -- explaining to the public the facts about Falun Gong and exposing the persecution. Truth clarification activities include face-to-face conversations with people, posting notices and posters, handing out flyers, and hanging banners. Outside of China, where Falun Gong is freely practiced, practitioners further expose the persecution through anti-torture reenactments, art exhibits, Internet websites, books, magazines, newspapers, movies and letter writing. The goal of clarifying the truth is to help people understand Falun Gong, to dispel the lies of the communist regime in China and to raise public support to end the persecution. (Variations: "clarifying the truth", "truth clarifying", "truth-clarifying", "truth clarification", "truth-clarification", "clarifying the facts", "clarified the truth", and "clarified the facts")

Collaborators: Former practitioners who have turned against Falun Gong under brainwashing and torture. They are then made to assist in brainwashing and torturing practitioners.

Death Bed torture: A practitioner is tied to a bed with his hands handcuffed above his head to the bed rails, and his legs tied with thin nylon ropes. The rope is then tightly wrapped around the practitioner's body and the bed, from his legs to his chest. The rope is wrapped so tightly that the practitioner has difficulty breathing and eventually loses consciousness.

The 610 Office is an agency specifically created to persecute Falun Gong, with absolute power over each level of administration in the Party and all other political and judiciary systems. It was established on June 10th hence it's name.

Illegally arrested: Contrary to what former Chinese leader Jiang Zemin, who initiated the persecution, and the Chinese Communist Party would like the world to believe, practicing Falun Gong is NOT illegal in China. Although the Public Security Department issued an unconstitutional set of restraints on the practice at the onset of the persecution in 1999, no laws have been passed by the only legislative body in China, the People's Congress, banning Falun Gong or granting the police the authority to arrest Falun Gong practitioners for practicing the exercises or distributing flyers.

Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party is a series of essays published in late 2004 that reveal the true nature of the Communist Party. The *Nine Commentaries* have led millions of people to renounce their membership in the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). It is "A book that has shocked all Chinese around the world. A book that is disintegrating the Communist Party." (<http://ninecommentaries.com>)

"Reform or Transform": Implementation of brainwashing and torture in order to force a practitioner to renounce Falun Gong. (Variations: "reform", "transform", "reformed", "reforming", "transformed", "transforming", and "transformation")

Sensitive Dates: National holidays or political meetings, or dates that hold significance to Falun Dafa; the authorities are afraid that practitioners will publicly appeal on these dates.

Three Statements: Practitioners are coerced under brainwashing and torture to write a "Repentance Statement," "Guarantee Statement" or "Dissociation Statement" as proof that they have given up their belief. In the statement, the practitioner is forced to admit remorse for practicing Falun Gong, promise to give up Falun Gong, and never again associate with other practitioners or go to Beijing to appeal for Falun Gong.

Yuan is the Chinese currency; 500 yuan is equal to the average monthly income of an urban worker in China.